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FROM:  Sheryl L. Spiller, Director

**SUBJECT: HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTIONS SYSTEM PROJECT- NOTIFICATION OF
INTENT TO NEGOTIATE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

In accordance with the Board policy on sole source contracts of \$250,000 or greater, I am informing the Board that we intend to negotiate a non-competitive contract with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the provision of services for the Homeless Family Solutions System (HFSS) project. The California Department of Social Services contracting regulations, Section 23-650.1.14, allow for non-competitive contracting with public agencies.

On June 4, 2013, the Board directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and DPSS to partner with County Departments to develop a seamless CalWORKs Homeless Program with the goal of maximizing resources to improve services to homeless families. The ultimate goal of the HFSS contract is to effectively and rapidly address the immediate housing crisis of families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, ensuring that each family receives flexible, coordinated and customized support, and attains economic self-sufficiency.

The term of the proposed HFSS contract will be July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. The estimated Maximum Contract Amount is \$ 21,900,000.

The proposed HFSS contract will replace two current contracts with LAHSA: Homeless CalWORKs Families Project (HCFP) and Emergency Shelter Services (ESS) contracts. The funding from the HCFP and the ESS contracts will be shifted to HFSS in order to serve more homeless families and provide services more efficiently.

LAHSA is a Joint Powers Authority, created in 1993 by the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles, specifically to address the problems of homelessness. LAHSA's expertise in providing assistance to homeless families is instrumental in stabilizing homeless families while they address barriers to employment.

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Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, we will proceed to negotiate the sole source contract.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Elizabeth Garcia, Assistant Director at (562) 908-8622.

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